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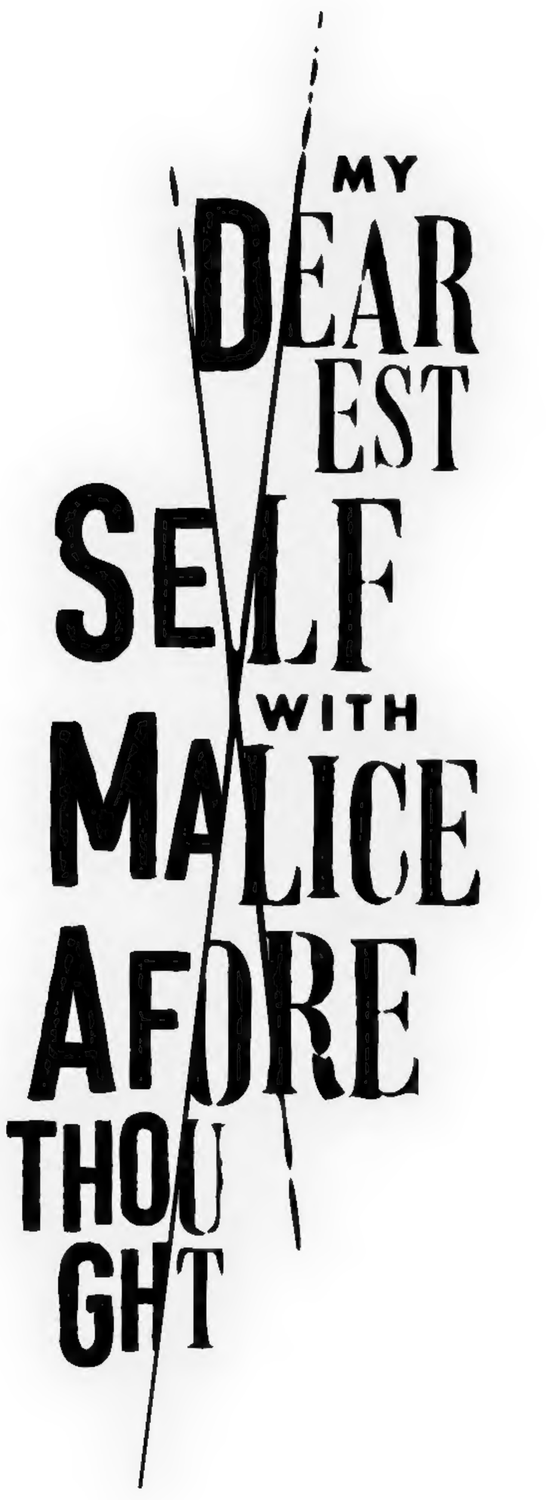

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Chapter 17

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Which do you think it's gonna be?

Your "family"? Or your "girlfriend"...

So now, quiz time!

Who're we gonna go "visit" next?

Best of luck and think hard!

...

CAN YOU GET THE PHONE?

HEY, HONEY?

プルルル

E-Eiji ...?

ARE MOM AND SIS AT HOME, TOO?!

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, BUT...

A VERY DANGEROUS MAN MIGHT BE ON HIS WAY OVER THERE!

SO YOU NEED TO CALL THE POLICE AND GET THEM TO THE HOUSE!!

THE COPS WENT ALL THE WAY TO THEIR HOUSE?!

...

EIJI? WHAT'S GOING ON?

DOES THIS...HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE POLICE THAT CAME KNOCKING THIS MORN-ING...?

...

Please, just call the cops!

I SWEAR, I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER... BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW...

DAD ...

C'mon, boy. That's not something you have to worry about.

SORRY, DAD... I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE...

YEAH ...

Fine...

But are you safe, Eiji?

EIJI-KUN! THIS WAY!

I'll talk to mom and Oto.

THANKS, DAD.

I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN LATER!

AN OFFICER IS SUPPOSED TO HEAD STRAIGHT TO YOUR UNIVERSITY!

BEEP ピッ BEEP ピッ

I ALREADY CALLED THE COPS!

YOU STILL HAVEN'T CALLED YOUR GIRLFRIEND YET?!

XXX 530 わ・201

BUT...IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS, THEN...

...

トゥルルルル BRRRRRING

ANSWER YOUR PHONE, KYOKA-CHAN...!

PICK UP...

PLEASE ...

トゥルルルル BRRRRRING

BRRRRRING

I'LL

FFF...

FUCK ...!!

HOP IN. LET'S JUST HEAD TO THE UNIVERSITY FIRST.

IT'S FASTER TO TAKE THE TRAIN FROM HERE...

CAN YOU GET US TO THE STATION?!

OKAY!

AND... CAN I BORROW YOUR PHONE?

I HAVE AN IDEA...

FWOOM

ガ" KA-KLAK タ ン

ガ" KA-KLAK タ ン

KYOKA-CHAN

CALL

Kyoka-chan,
I'm sorry for contacting you like this, but this is an emergency! Please call me once you see this message!!

KYOKA-CHAN...

HUFF

HUFF

ブ" BRRRRRING ル ル ル ル

PLEASE...

JUST...

PICK...
UP...

SLUMP

I'M...

GONNA...
PASS...
OUT...

SH-
SHIT...
NOT
NOW...

SO...
SLEEPY
...

?!

KA-KLAK

KA-KLAK

...

UMM, SIR...? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

UGH...

HNGH...

TWITCH

KRK!!

KRK!!

KRRK!!

HRRRGH...

HNNNNGH...

ぎゅ

EEEEE

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EEEEE

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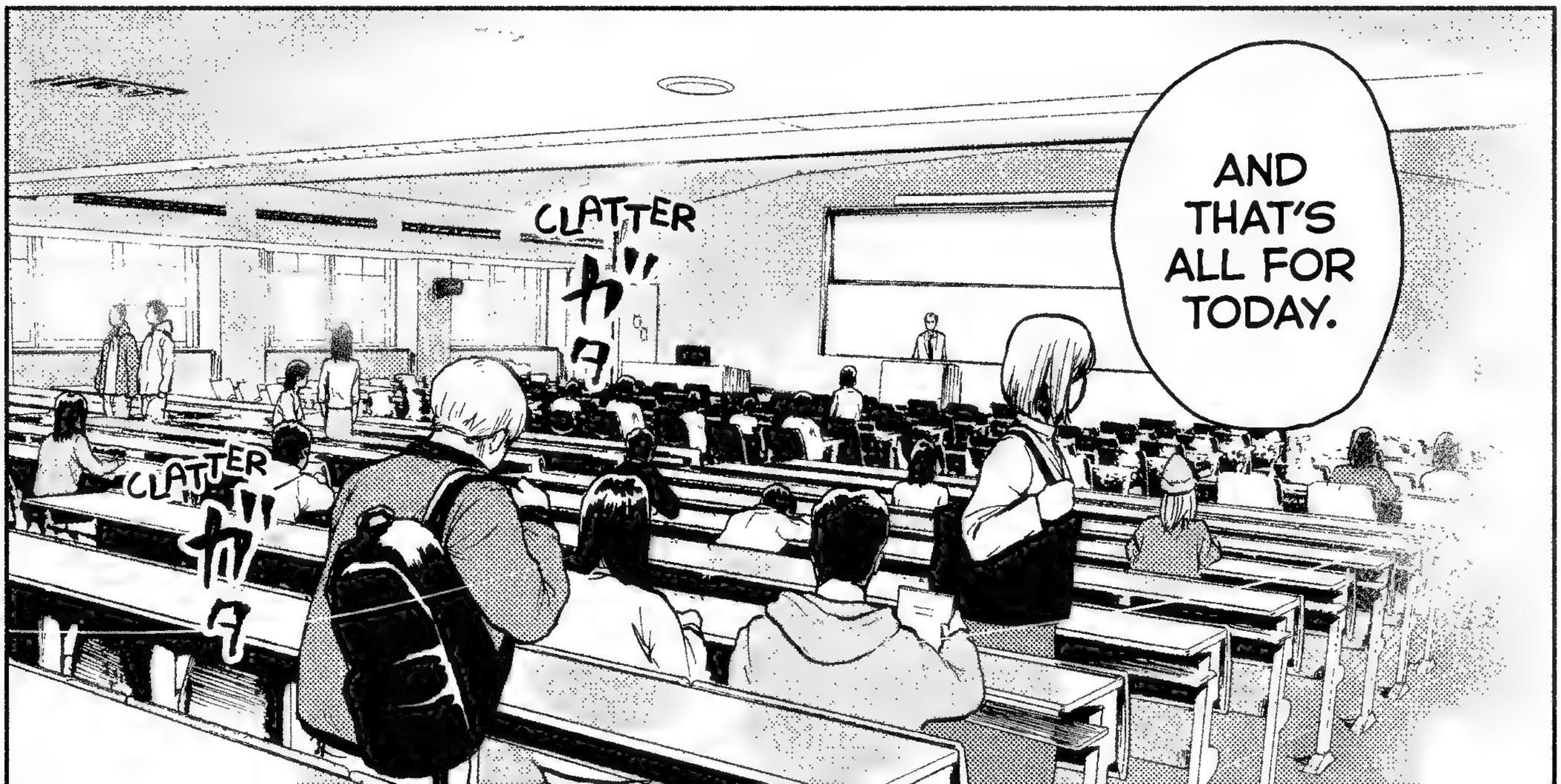
EEEEE

ぎゃ

"PAIN"...

"PAIN" IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN KEEP ME ANCHORED TO REALITY RIGHT NOW...!!


AND THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
CLATTER
CLATTER

HATS

EIJI-KUN
Missed Call

SHIZU, KAHO
SAORI sent a st

EIJI-KUN

CAL

...

ヒル
FLINCH

RIGHT ON THE MONEY.

YO.

I *KNEW* YOU'D COME RUNNIN' TO YOUR LITTLE GIRLFRIEND...

...EIJI-KUN.

HAAH

HAAH

プルルルル BRRRRING

プルルルル BRRRRING

ABOUT MY LITTLE QUIZ...

BY THE WAY...

?!

EI...

I'll just lie low and wait for now.

They've got cops on the lookout, but they can't stay forever.

Sai, I'm in front of the Urashima place.

BUT YOU MUST'VE KNOWN IF YOU CONTACTED THE COPS!

WAY TO GO, EIJI-KUN.

"WE'RE OFF TO VISIT *BOTH!*"

WAS THE *ACTUAL* CORRECT ANSWER!

I'M SORRY, KYOKA-CHAN...

YOU STILL GOT DRAGGED INTO THE WHOLE MESS...

EIJI... KUN...?

...

BUT I'D BE MORE CARE-FUL ABOUT GETTING HER HOPES UP.

AWWW, YOU'RE SOOO COOOOOL, EIJI-KWUN!

KYOKA-CHAN.

IT'S OKAY.

I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THIS. DON'T WORRY!

...GONNA GET A TASTE OF *HELL.*

'CAUSE YOUR GIRL'S...

...

HE SAW THROUGH US...

BUT... I ALSO PREPARED FOR SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

?!

ANYWAY, IT'S GONNA BE A PAIN IF WE HANG AROUND TOO LONG AND BUMP INTO THE COPS YOU CALLED HERE.

MY CAR'S PARKED RIGHT THERE.

LET'S ALL GO FOR A FUN LITTLE DRIVE, EIJI-KUN.

FINE...

CLENCH

I HAVE TO PRETEND TO GO ALONG WITH WHAT HE WANTS FOR NOW...

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE SAI BRINGS US, SHIRABISHI WILL STILL BE ABLE TO TRACE ME AND TELL THE POLICE WHERE WE'VE GONE.

I'VE GOT MY GPS TRACKER ON ME...

...SHOULD ONLY BE A FEW HOURS, AT BEST.

WHO

AFTER CALLING THE POLICE, THE AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED FOR THEM TO COME RUSHING HERE...

I JUST NEED TO BUY US THAT TIME!!

Chapter 17 END

Chapter 18

PSSSHK

THUD

OH, YEAH? YOU GOT SOMETHIN' YOU WANNA SAY 'BOUT HOW I HANDLE WOMEN?

VRRRRN

HEY! YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT TO HER!

...

HERE, I'LL EVEN GIVE YA MATCHIN' BRACELETS! PUT IT ON.

C'MON, NO NEED TO BE JEALOUS.

TWIRL

TWIRL

SLAM DU

I SWEAR... I'LL PROTECT YOU UNTIL THE COPS TRACE MY GPS HERE...!!

I'M SORRY... IT'S NOT GONNA BE LONG NOW...

KYOKA-CHAN...

WHAT HAP-PENED?

EIJI-KUN, WHEN DID YOU GET HURT?

HM?

MY FINGER SLIPPED.

OH, WHOOP-SIE!

HNNN-NNNNN-NGH!!!!

I'LL DIG

IT MUST *HURT!*

OOOGGHHH!!

HUFF

ヒュル

HUFF

ヒュル

SORRY 'BOUT THAT! *HA-HAHAHA!*

YOU'VE GOT FRIENDS, YEAH? YOU WEREN'T ALONE WHEN YOU ATTACKED MY MEN.

OH, THAT REMINDS ME...

I GUESS I GOTTA CONFISCATE YOUR PHONE THEN, HUH?

21!!

KRAAAK
BINGO!
I KNEW YOU'D TRY SHIT LIKE THIS.
A GPS TRACKIN' APP? YOU'RE TOO EASY, EIJI-KUN.

AND JUST IN CASE, I'M GONNA HAVE TO CONFISCATE YOUR LITTLE GIRLFRIEND'S PHONE, TOO.

NOW WE DON'T NEEDA WORRY 'BOUT ANYONE GETTIN' IN THE WAY OF OUR LITTLE "FUN." NOT YOUR FRIENDS, NOT THE COPS.

I...I STILL HAVE ONE LAST BACKUP PLAN...

SHIT!

I GOTTA CALM DOWN...

AS LONG AS I HAVE THAT...!

HFF

HFF

Odd...

PIPE

SO, WHY DID HE PURPOSELY SEND YOU THAT VIDEO AND RELAYED THAT MESSAGE?

...

If all Sai really wants to do is punish you for your betrayal...

Then there was no need to give you a "warning." He could've just attacked your girlfriend and your family.

ODD? WHAT'S ODD?

BUT EVEN SO, I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE! I HAVE TO GO!

...

Let me get straight to the point.

I think Sai is ultimately after you.

BUT IT'S VITAL THAT WE KNOW WHAT HE WANTS.

I KNOW.

What is Sai's goal...?

What is the point of luring you out...?

If we can figure out his motive, then we can come up with a counterplan against him.

Sending you that video might've been just a trap to lure you out as well.

HIS MOTIVE...

SAI...

LET'S MAKE A *TRADE.*

...

HM?

IT'S IN MY RIGHT INSIDE POCKET...

SD
32GB

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, RIGHT?
THE SD CARD?

I'VE ALREADY CHECKED ALL THE PICTURES.

AND SKALL WILL BE SCREWED!!

RIGHT...?

MEMBERS OF THE DIET, HIGH-LEVEL BUREAU-CRATS...

BIGWIGS FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD...

THEY'RE ALL PROMINENT MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

IF THESE PICTURES EVER GET LEAKED...

IT'LL BECOME ONE HUGE SCANDAL FOR THE POLITICAL AND BUSINESS WORLD!

AS IF I CARE.

32GB

?!

YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH THIS.

SWP

...

AND IF I BACK DOWN NOW, I WOULD BE FALLING RIGHT INTO HIS HANDS...

HE DOESN'T WANT THIS TO BE A TRADE...

HE'S TRYING TO TRICK ME BY RETURNING THE SD CARD, SO I'D THINK THERE'S NO ROOM FOR BARGAINING...

DON'T WORRY, CALM DOWN... HE'S JUST BLUFFING...

DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LEAK THE PICTURES WITH MY HANDS TIED?

THERE'S GOTTA BE A REASON WHY HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO ENSNARE ME IN A TRAP!

THEN MY FRIENDS ARE GONNA LEAK ALL THE PHOTOS TO THE PUBLIC!

IF THEY CAN'T CONFIRM THE SAFETY OF KYOKA-CHAN, MY FAMILY, AND ME...

AND IT HAS GOTTA BE FOR THIS SD CARD...!!

IF YOU DARE TO LAY YOUR HANDS ON US, THEN GO FOR IT!

WE'LL BE BRINGING ALL OF SKALL DOWN WITH US!!

BUT, THE MOMENT YOU DO...

SKREEE

VROOM

TOMP

TOMP

HEH HEH HEH HEH...

...

TOMP

GEH HEH HEH HEH

HAHA HAHA HA...

HU HU HU HU...

HA HA HA HA !!

HA HA HA HA !!

SHUDDER

AS LONG AS I GET TO KILL YOU...

LISTEN... EIJI-KUN...

...THEN I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE!

AS THE DAYS WENT ON, THAT PRESENCE KEPT SHRINKING... OH, HOW WRONG I WAS...

MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER

WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, *I COULD SENSE THE STRONG PRESENCE OF LL INSIDE OF YOU,* BUT...

MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER

YOU REALLY THINK I CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO SKALL?

FUCK, MAN... YOU'VE REALLY LET ME DOWN...

WHAT IS HE TRYING TO SAY...?

WHAT... THE HELL?

YOU'RE JUST THE MAN WHO KEEPS DEFILING *MY* LL...

THE SON OF THE LEGENDARY KILLER, LL... BUT YOU *COULDN'T* BECOME HIS SUCCESSOR...

YOU'RE...

SO, MURDERING YOU IN THE MOST DREADFUL WAY POSSIBLE...

...IS ALL I WANT RIGHT NOW.

Chapter 18 END

The GPS signal from Eiji's phone just disap-peared...

maybe he's dead...

Chapter 19

TOMP

TOMP

TOMPTOMPTOMP...

...

WE'RE HERE.

?!

VRRRN
ウィーン

MMMMGH...!

MMMMGH!

CLATTER

GRAB

WHAT ...

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH HER?!

NOW LET'S GO HIKIN'.

I'LL TAKE *REAL GOOD CARE* OF HER AFTER.

ﾌﾌﾌ!

TOK

NO NEED TO WORRY, EIJI-KUN.

HURRY IT UP, THE SUN'S NOT GONNA BE UP FOR-EVER.

LET'S GO.

YOU'RE GONNA WALK IN THE FRONT.

SHOVE

KRCH KRCH

ﾊﾞｷｬ ﾊﾞｷｬ

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

OR ELSE YOU'RE GONNA GET A REAL *JOLT.*

CARE-FUL...

YOU DON'T WANNA DO ANYTHIN' WEIRD.

GLANCE

...?!

KRACKL

KRACKLE

NOR IS HE OUT FOR REVENGE AFTER THE GUY WHO BETRAYED HIS ORGANI-ZATION...

...HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SKALL...

HIS MOTIVE...

I'VE TOTALLY MISJUDGED SAI...

SHIT...!

HE DOESN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THOSE THINGS...

KRAK

HE ONLY CARES ABOUT...

...THE PERVERTED DESIRE TO KILL THAT WAS BORN FROM HIS ADMIRATION.

...HIS UNNATURAL DEVOTION TO THE "SERIAL KILLER LL" AND...

IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING, THEN I'M DEFINITELY GONNA DIE HERE...!

HE'S A MAD MURDERER...

BOTH ME AND... KYOKA-CHAN, TOO...!!

THAT'S ALL, YASHIRO SAI IS...

SHHK

HOW AM I GONNA GET US OUT OF THIS ONE?!

SHHK

WHAT NOW ...?!

THIS IS IT...

HERE WE ARE.

...?!

THOK

ドカッ

!

FWOMP

GET ON.

...

CREAK

CREAK

?!

うぞ
SHRK
うぞ
SHRK
うぞ
SHRK
うぞ
SHRK
OH, OOPS.
THOSE'RE THE REMAINS FROM THE LAST GUY, I THINK.
HEHE.
AAAAAAAAAAAAH!!
WHAT... WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME...?!
HAAH
HAAH
WHAT THE FUCK?!

!

SHLRP

ふぃちゃ

SPLURT

IT'S ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST CRUEL AND DISGUSTIN' TORTURE-AND-EXECUTION METHODS...

THIS IS CALLED "SCAPHISM" ...

FIRST...

SQUEEEEEZE

YOU COVER THE VICTIM IN HONEY...

THEN...

PLOK

YOU FORCE FEED THE VICTIM A LARGE SERVING OF MILK AND HONEY.

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

EVENTUALLY, ALL THAT MILK AND HONEY'S GONNA GIVE THE VICTIM INTENSE DIARRHEA, COVERIN' THE WHOLE BOAT WITH SHIT.

ALL THAT SWEET SCENT AND FILTH WILL ATTRACT ALL KINDS OF INSECTS AND WORMS, COVERIN' THE BODY FROM HEAD TO TOE.

THEN, THE MAGGOTS HATCH FROM THE EGGS AND BURROW INTO THE BODY, FEEDIN' OFF THE FLESH.

THE BUGS LAY EGGS ON THE BODY...

THE WHOLE BODY GETS INFECTED WITH GANGRENE AND YOUR TISSUES BEGIN TO ROT AND DIE.

MGGGH!!

MMGH!

THE WORMS DIG AND SQUIRM IN THE BODY, BLOCKIN' THE BLOOD FROM GUSHIN' OUT.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU MIGHT DIE FROM SEPTIC SHOCK OR DEHYDRATION...

...BUT IF YOU'RE ***NOT*** LUCKY, YOU'LL BE FORCED TO SUFFER THE TORTURE OF BEIN' EATEN ALIVE FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS STRAIGHT...

YOU'RE GONNA DIE.

BUT, I WON'T LET YOU DIE ALONE...

UNTIL YOUR VERY LAST MOMENT...

I'LL BE HERE WITH YOU.

...

K-KYOKA ...

CHAN ...!

AAAAAGGGH!!

CLATTER

AAAAAGGGH!!

HEE HEE HEE...

CLATTER

CLATTER

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!

CLATTER

CLATTER

HAHA HAHA HA!!

CLATTER

AAAH...

AAH...

FWOK

SPLRT

HUH?

UHH...

TO MY EIJI-KUUN?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...

Chapter 19 END

Chapter 20

ゴロン
ROLL

HMMMMGH!!

GRCH ギチ
GRCH ギチ

ゴロン
ROLL

MMMMGH!!

MMM-
MMPH!

MMPH
...

...

?!

MPH!

MMMM...

ズ・SHHF

ズ・SHHF

MMMGH!

ズ・SHHF...

MM-MPH...

MPH, MPH...

MMGH...

FWP

SLP

MM-MPH !!

MMPH!

MMPH ...

SSZZZT

KRCHK

HMMMMMM-
MMMMGH?!

PLOK

MPH!
MPH...
MPH,
MPH...

MMM-
MGH...

MM-
MPH...

ROLL

ROLL

...

KRCHK

FWOM

KRCHK

HM-MPH...

HM-MPH...

MMMM

ROLL

SPLSH

BAM

HAAH

HAAH

OW...

ズキン

THROB

...

ぐちょ

SHLK

HFF...

HFF...

AAAAAAAAAGH!

!

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

GLUG ガボ

THE BUGS LAY EGGS ON THE BODY...

THEN, THE MAGGOTS HATCH FROM THE EGGS AND BURROW INTO THE BODY, FEEDIN' OFF THE FLESH.

...

FWIM

FWIM

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE

AAAAAUUAAAGGAGGH!!

CLATTER
ガタッ
CLATTER
ガタッ
AAAAAAAAAAH!!
AAAAAAAAAAH!!
HEHE-HE...
HA HA HA HA!
SQUEEEZE
キュウウウッ

HAAH!

HAAH!

HAAH!

HAAH!

EWOK

TO MY EIJI-KUUUN?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...

KRAK

THWACK

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!

SLUMP

HAAH...

HAAH...

...KY...

...

QUIVER

QUIVER

HAAH

HAAH

HAAH

PLOP

TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL

KYOKA-CHAN...?

K-KYOKA...

WHY'RE YOU...

WH...

YOU SHOULD'VE JUST LEFT ME! YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!!!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

GASP
!!
"/

KYOKA-CHAN?!

FORGET ABOUT ME! JUST GO!!

RIP

RIP

RIP

RIP

KYO...

AAAAAAAAAH!!

IT'S MY FAULT YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT...

I'M SO SORRY...

I- I'M SO SORRY ...

KYOKA-CHAN...

TWITCH

Chapter 20 END

CAN YOU STAND?

YEAH...

OH...

...

GOT THE CAR KEYS...

HE'S...

Chapter 21

DON'T SUDDENLY WAKE UP, 'KAY...?
D...

NO... I THINK I SAW HIM BREATH-ING...
HEY... DO YOU THINK HE'S DEAD?

THERE WE GO!

BUT STILL... I DON'T THINK HE'S GETTING UP ANYTIME SOON.

TOMP

TOMP

TOMP

GRIP

WHY AM I DRIVING ...?

SO...

TOMP

I THINK... I DO THIS AND...

ERM...

I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE A LICENSE...

I MAY HAVE ONE, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE?!

SORRY ...

DID YOU HURT YOURSELF WHEN YOU WERE ESCAPING THE CAR...?

KYOKA-CHAN... YOUR HAND...

IT'S NOTHING! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, EIJI-KUN!

OH... THIS?

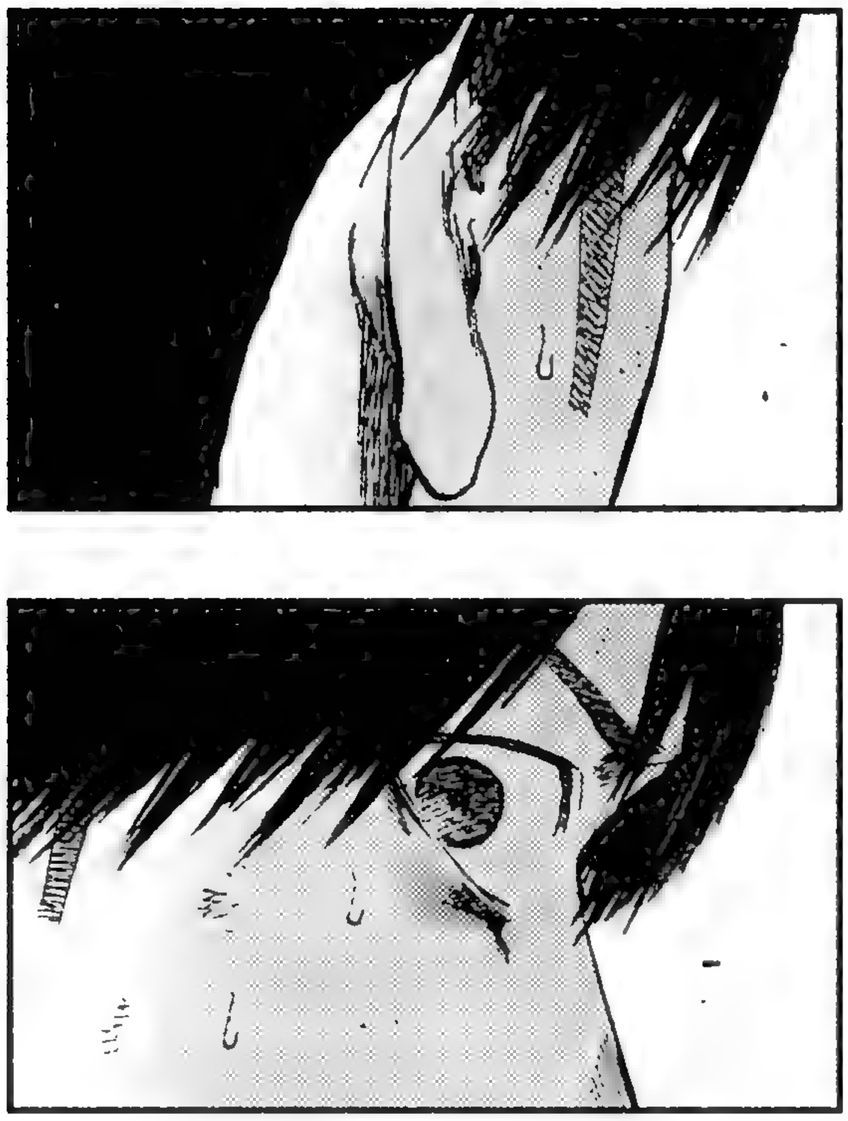
I WAS GONNA SAVE YOU, BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO ENDED UP NEEDING SAVING...

I'M SORRY ...

I'M... PATHETIC.

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?

AND YOU EVEN HURT YOURSELF...



SPLSH

BUT IT MIGHT'VE JUST BEEN MY–

IT'S... NOTHING... I JUST...
I THINK I HEARD A SOUND ...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, EIJI-KUN?

BOO.

AAAAAAAAGH!!

ギャ SCREEEIL

EEIL

IL IL

HCEEE3

KRASH

SZZZZT
ジジジジ

TO BEEEE
TO BEEEE

BEEE

BEEEEE

KYO...

KLAANG

SLP

SHWOOM

KICK

FLAIL

FLAIL

KAGH...

GNNGH

GAH...

FIVE MINUTES...

THAT'S ALL THE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT.

FLAIL

FLAIL

KAGH...

KRGH...

...

...

KNGH
...

EIJI-
KUN...

E...

KYOKA-
CHAN...!!

FLAIL
バタ…

FLAIL
バタ

FLAIL
バタ

ガ…

SLIP
IL …
"

SLUMP
ガックリ…

SA...

SAI...

...WIN...

W...

I...

I...

WIN...

BLB

BLB

BLB

YEAH ?

WHAT YA SAY?

HAH!

ARE THOSE YOUR LAST WORDS?

DON'T YA GOT ANYTHIN' BETTER?

FM

FM

FWOM

FWOM

SLIP
ズル
…

COUGH
COUGH

THUD

FWOM
FWOM
FWOM
FWOM

COPS
...?!

THAT'S
THE...

HOW?!

HOW DID THEY FIND US...?!

HEH... HEHE ...

HA HA HA HA!

FWOM

ARE THOSE... YOUR LAST WORDS...

SAI...?

FWOM

FWOM

FWOM

FWOM

Chapter 21 END

HEH...

HEH...

HEH...

WHY'RE THE COPS HERE ...?!

FWOM

HOW ...?!

FWOM

SHLRP

THE ANSWER... IS SIMPLE...

SHLRP

SHLK

SHLRK

GAGH... AAAA- AAAA- AGH!!

FWOM

SWIP

Chapter 22

THE GPS TRACKER IN MY PHONE WASN'T THE ONLY THING I PREPARED...

I'VE ALSO GOT A GPS TRANSMITTER HIDDEN IN THE CUT ON MY ARM!!

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BUY TIME SINCE THE BEGINNING...

ENOUGH TIME...

...FOR MY FRIENDS TO CONTACT THE POLICE AND TRACE THE GPS SIGNAL TO US!

SO THE ONLY THING I *AM* CAPABLE OF...

WOULD BE...

...TO GIVE PEOPLE THE IMPRESSION THAT I'M ENTIRELY USELESS AND PATHETIC...

I NEEDED YOU TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...

SO I COULD AT LEAST MAKE IT EASIER TO BUY US TIME.

BUT...

I GUESS IT WASN'T HARD. I'VE ALWAYS FAILED IN EVERYTHING I TRIED.

IT'S NOT THAT I'M BRAGGING, BUT I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN ANYTHING IN MY LIFE...

BING

I KNEW YOU'D TRY SHIT LIKE THIS.

A GPS TRACKIN' APP? YOU'R TOO EASY EIJI-KUN.

THAT'S WHY I WAS *PRETEND-ING...*

IF YOU DARE TO LAY YOUR HAND ON US, THEN GO FOR IT!

BUT, THE MOMENT YOU DO...

WE'LL BE BRINGING ALL OF SKALL DOWN WITH US!!

I WAS PUTTING UP AN ACT AS THE *USELESS VICTIM* THIS WHOLE TIME!

WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, I *COULD SENSE THE STRONG PRESENCE OF LL INSIDE OF YOU, BUT...*

YOU'RE JUST THE MAN WHO KEEPS DEFILING *MY LL...*

YOU *REALLY* THINK I CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS SKALL?

FUCK MAN, YOU'V REALL LET M DOWN.

THE SON OF THE LEGENDARY SERIAL KILL-ER, LL...BUT YOU *COULDN'T* BECOME HIS SUCCESSOR...

YOU'RE...

CLATTER

AAAA

A USELESS, PATHETIC PUNK LIKE ME...COULD ACTUALLY SUCCEED AT OUT-SMARTING YOU...

BUT...WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT...

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

YA-SHIRO SAI!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR ASSAULT AND UN-LAWFUL CONFINE-MENT!!

KTHUNK

...?!

AND...

THE KIDNAPPING AND UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF YOKO HATANAKA.

!

I GUESS WE'LL BE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER *EVEN BETTER* THIS TIME, HUH?

I-I'M FINE... BUT, PLEASE! HELP MY GIRLFRIEND FIRST!

YOU OKAY ?!

EIJI-KUN!

WE'RE ON IT!

押ボタン信号
We have the GPS tracker on your phone, but let's add a GPS transmitter just in case.
Eiji...
I have a suggestion.

ANOTHER GPS?

You can never be too prepared.

...IN CASE MY PHONE GETS TAKEN...

OR THEY BREAK IT... RIGHT?

ビックカメラ
BIG CAMERA

WELL, THE WORLD CARES A LOT ABOUT SECURITY NOW.

YOU CAN EVEN BUY SMALL-SIZED GPS TOOLS FROM MAJOR ELECTRONIC RETAILERS.

But where am I gonna find a GPS transmitter?

Did you get the GPS transmitter?

YEAH. I'M SYNCING IT TO SHIRABISHI'S PHONE RIGHT NOW.

NOW... WHERE AM I GONNA HIDE THIS THING?

HMM...

WITH THIS, HE CAN USE HIS PHONE TO TRACK MY LOCATION.

YOU'RE JOKING... RIGHT?

That's the safest place, as long as Yashiro Sai doesn't swing that way. Don't you think?

YOUR BUTT.

It's gotta be a place that's hard to spot...

A place that'll be hard for people to search...

I THINK... I'LL NEED TIME TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

...

I WOULD THINK IT'S EVEN ***HARDER*** TO OPEN UP A HOLE IN YOUR ARM AND STICK A FOREIGN OBJECT IN THERE.

BUT...

THAT WAS JOB WELL DONE, COMING FROM YOU.

I'M SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG TO COME AFTER YOU.

OH, GREAT!

EIJI-KUN.

YOUR FAMILY IS SAFE, TOO.

IT'S FINE.

YOU STILL MADE IT JUST IN TIME...

THE PAPER-WORK TOOK A LOT OF TIME...

THE VIDEO WAS ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR THEM TO ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT, BUT...

I MANAGED TO AVOID TELLING THEM ANY-THING ASIDE FROM THE MURDER.

IT'LL GET UGLY IF THE COPS FIND OUT ABOUT *US*, SO...

SPEAK-ING OF...

SO IT'D BE A PROBLEM IF YOUR STATEMENT ENDS UP DIFFERENT FROM MINE...

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE OKAY?

BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR AMNESIA, YOU MIGHT STILL BE UNCLEAR ON ALL OF THE DETAILS...

I SEE.

YES, WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S BEST.

THEY MIGHT CATCH ON IF I MAKE STUFF UP TO TRY TO MATCH YOU.

I PLAN ON BEING HONEST ABOUT THE THINGS I DON'T REMEMBER.

AS LONG AS...

...MY OTHER PERSONA DOESN'T COME OUT BY THEN, THAT IS...

N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT AT ALL...

I PROMISE I WON'T SAY ANY-THING THAT WILL CAUSE YOU ANY FURTHER TROUBLE, SHIRABISHI-SAN.

DON'T WORRY!

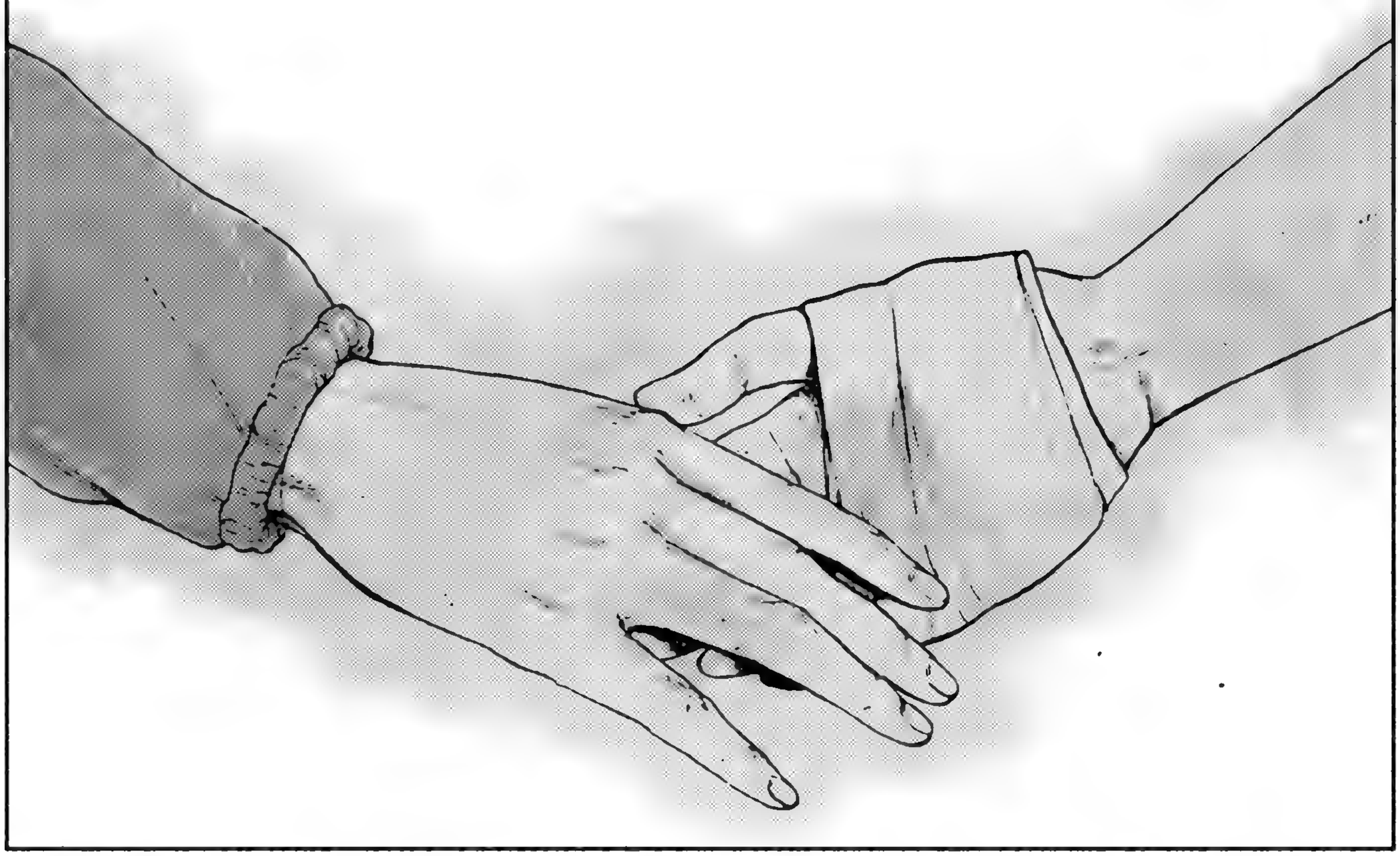
EIJI-KUN.

RIGHT...

THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERYTHING'S SOLVED AT ALL...

THERE'S STILL ONE HUGE PROBLEM I STILL HAVE TO FACE...

KYOKA-CHAN...



SQUEEZE
ギュッ…

UMM ...

DO YOU THINK I CAN TALK TO HER ALONE FOR A MINUTE?

EIJI-KUN...

WHAT IS IT ...?

I...

KYOKA-CHAN.

BUT...

...

I TRIED NOT TO THINK ABOUT THAT FOR THE LONGEST TIME...

I HAVE SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO RUN AWAY ANYMORE.

WHAT IS IT...?

...

I NEED TO TAKE A STEP FORWARD.

THE PERSON WHO YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH...

WAS NOT "ME"!

Chapter 22 END

Chapter 23

YOU TOLD HER EVERY-THING?

WHAT DID SHE SAY?

SHE... WANTED SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT.

...

I TOLD HER, "I HAVE A SPLIT PERSON-ALITY"...

AND THAT, "THE PERSON WHO YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH WASN'T ME"...

OF COURSE SHE WOULD...

I'M SURE SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO BELIEVE ANYMORE...

IF SOMEONE SUDDENLY SAID THAT OUT OF THE BLUE, IT'D THROW ANY-ONE INTO A PANIC...

B1 WAS... WHAT?

WHAT MAKES MATTERS EVEN MORE COMPLEX...

...IS THAT B1 HAS ALWAYS BEEN *ACTING LIKE THE REAL EIJI URASHIMA* WHEN HE HAD YOUR BODY.

B1 HAD LIVED YOUR LIFE, PRETENDING TO BE YOU.

I DIDN'T THINK I NEEDED TO MENTION IT, BUT...

I SECRETLY TOOK THIS VIDEO A WEEK AGO.

HERE, LOOK FOR YOURSELF.

HE PRETENDED TO BE ME?

M-ME ...?

...?!

WHAT... THE HELL...?

THE PERSON IN HIS VIDEO WASN'T "YOU," BUT IT'S "B1."

B1...

HE LOOKS AND ACTS JUST LIKE ME!!

OTHER THAN THAT, EVERY DAY'S BEEN THE SAME OLD BORING UNIVERSITY LIFE FOR US.

NAH, I DON'T THINK SO.

DOING OKAY.

EIJI, HEY! IT'S THE MANGA BORROWER!

NO ONE EVEN NOTICED WHEN YOUR PERSONALITIES SWAPPED, RIGHT?

YOU DIDN'T ONLY LOOK THE SAME.

THE WAY HE LAUGHED, THE WAY HE SPOKE...HE WAS LIKE A PERFECT COPY.

USING THE HIDDEN CAMERAS AND BUGS INSTALLED ALL OVER YOUR ROOM.

B1 HAS ALWAYS BEEN WATCHING AND STUDYING YOU...

!

BUT ...

HOW DID HE MANAGE TO IMPERSONATE ME FOR SO LONG?!

S-SEVERAL YEARS?!

FOR THAT LONG?! BUT WHY?!

BUT... FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, LOOKING AT THEM...

IT SEEMS LIKE B1 HAS BEEN STUDYING YOU FOR AT LEAST *SEVERAL YEARS ALREADY.*

BUT, DON'T WORRY.

WHEN I BROKE INTO YOUR APARTMENT, I UNINSTALLED AND TOOK OUT ALL OF THE CAMERAS AND BUGS.

TO STAY HIDDEN, *HE HAD TO WATCH YOU AND IMPERSONATE THE WAY YOU TALKED AND THE WAY YOU ACTED.*

PROBABLY BECAUSE *HE DIDN'T WANT HIS EXISTENCE TO BE KNOWN.*

...

AND IT'S PROBABLY HIS WAY OF RISK MANAGING... SINCE, IT'S LIKELY *HE ALSO HAS NO MEMORIES OF WHEN YOU'RE IN CONTROL.*

ARE SEEN AS EXACTLY THE SAME ON THE SURFACE.

AND THE "EIJI URASHIMA" SITTING HERE TODAY...

THAT THE "EIJI URASHIMA" THAT KYOKA YUKIMURA FELL IN LOVE WITH...

BUT, IT'S ALSO BECAUSE OF HIS IMPERSON-ATION...

BUT THE FACT THAT *SHE COULD NOT TELL YOU AND B1 APART...*

MUST BE WEIGHING HEAVY ON HER MIND.

NOT ONLY DID YOU TELL HER THAT YOU HAVE A SPLIT PERSON-ALITY...

...

I WAS PREPARED FOR ALL OF THIS...

DON'T LET THAT GET TO YOU...

...THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT...

I WILL ACCEPT ANY ANSWER KYOKA-CHAN GIVES ME...

BA-DMP

EIJI-KUN...

CAN I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?

WHAT KIND OF RELATION-SHIP DID B1-KUN HAVE WITH YOKO HATANAKA-SAN?

HIS NAME IS "B1-KUN," RIGHT?

THIS OTHER PERSON-ALITY THAT SLEEPS INSIDE YOU...

I'M...NOT ENTIRELY SURE.

...

BUT, B1 MAY HAVE... WANTED TO SAVE HER. AND HE DID A LOT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN...

I HEARD THEY MAY HAVE BEEN DATING...

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HEARD THAT FROM THEM, SO...

IS B1-KUN DANGER-OUS?

B1 HAS EXISTED INSIDE OF ME FOR WAY LONGER THAN I EVEN KNEW...

AT FIRST, I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM, SO I THOUGHT HE WAS PRETTY DANGEROUS, BUT...

NOW THAT I KNOW B1 DIDN'T KILL ANY-ONE...

I'M STARTING TO THINK HE MIGHT NOT BE SUCH A BAD GUY...

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HIS REASONS WERE, HE DID DO SOME PRETTY DANGEROUS STUFF...

BUT...

SO, I DON'T ACTUALLY THINK HE'S JUST ANOTHER GUY, YOU KNOW?

DOES HE... LIKE ME?

B1-KUN...

SORRY ...

I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT, EITHER...

OKAY... THEN, ONE LAST QUESTION.

DOES THIS EIJI-KUN, SITTING RIGHT BESIDE ME RIGHT NOW, LIKE ME?

FOR ME, THERE IS NOTHING IN THE WORLD MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU.

I SEE.

OKAY...

THAT DECIDES IT, THEN!

...

I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW!

I MEAN, THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW...

ABOUT B1-KUN!

HUH?

SO HOW CAN I DECIDE HOW I CAN DATE YOU?!

...

I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT EITHER OF YOU...

TO GET TO KNOW ...

B1...?

AND TRY TO GET TO KNOW B1-KUN A LITTLE MORE?

SO, WHY DON'T WE WORK TO-GETHER?

AND WHEN I LEARN SOMETHING NEW, I CAN TELL YOU!

THAT'S MY CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM...

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING WHEN YOU SWITCH OVER TO B1-KUN, RIGHT?

HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANNA, BUT...

DON'T WANNA?

THIS IS MY "LET'S FIGURE OUT WHO B1 REALLY IS" -PLAN!

WOBBLE フラ…

BUT, STILL ...

I KNOW IT MIGHT BE DANGER-OUS, SO I WON'T PUSH HIM TOO FAR!

LIKE I SAID, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE'S PERFECTLY SAFE...

EIJI-KUN?

ガク"

THUNK

I-I'M FINE...

JUST... A LITTLE SLEEPY...

DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.

YOU CAN USE MY SHOULDER IF YOU NEED IT.

I WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANYTHING YOU THREW AT ME...

THAT'S WHY, IF YOU NEEDED THE TIME TO THINK IT OVER, THEN...

I WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL YOU WERE READY...

I'VE ALREADY FINISHED...

...EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO DO...

I DEFINITELY WANT TO LOOK INTO B1, BUT...

THE CASE IS OVER...

Chapter 23 END

MY
DEAR
EST
SELF
WITH
MALICE
AFORE
THOU
GHT

Eiji-kun, you were so cool!
Gimme a hug!
I wonder what he's dreaming about?

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

!

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

MM...

Chapter 24

KA-FWOOF

THIS IS... MY ROOM...?!

...!!

FWP

TIME HAS PASSED...

MTTdocoDE

07:01

07:01

NOVEMBER 14 MONDAY

I MUST'VE SWITCHED PERSONAS AGAIN...

FIVE DAYS...

NOVEMBER 11/14 月/MON

The police of S prefecture...

have announced that they have once again arrested Yashiro Sai for the suspicion of her murder.

After Yashiro Sai, the leader of a violent gang, was arrested several days ago...

for the kidnapping and unlawful confinement of female college student, Yoko Hatanaka...

NEWS

The Police are currently investigating the details of Sai's motives and involvement with the murder of Yoko Hatanaka.

This case was suspected to be a copycat murder of the serial killer incident from 15 years ago, nicknamed the LL Murders...

ARRESTING THE LL MURDERS' COPYCAT KILLER

...Whereas, this murder has brought to light...

EVERY-THING SEEMS LIKE IT'S FINALLY ENDING.

SAI IS SUSPECTED OF MURDER AND WAS ARRESTED.

...and his gang, SKALL, are largely connected to the prostitution of young women.

It is believed that Sai, who was arrested for the murder...

...the existence of a large prostitution ring.

TWITCH

NEWS

The police of S prefecture have announced that they have arrested over twenty people involved with the gang.

Over 20 members of the violent gang, SKALL, were arrested.

PROSTITUTION RING EXPOSED

YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH THIS.

SWP

OH, RIGHT! WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT SD CARD...?

PHOTOS ?!

It has been reported that their client list encompassed a number of influential government and business officials...

Photos of their involvement had been sent to the police, which led to the major arrest.

N-NO WAY...

DID B1...?

IT'S GONE...?!

DAD, YOU AND EVERYONE'RE SAFE, RIGHT? THANK GOODNESS!

I'M REALLY SORRY. THIS IS ALL MY FAULT...

YOU HEARD ABOUT EVERY-THING FROM THE POLICE ALREADY...?

...HUH? "I'VE" ALREADY APOLOGIZED ENOUGH?

...!

...

KASHI-
WAGI!

HEY...

HEY,
MAN!
HAHA!

HOW'RE
YOU?
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

SEE YOU LATER, KYOKA!

...!

EIJI...

KUN ...?

BA-DMP

I'M SO SORRY...

FWP

EIJI-KUN!!

HUH...?

SORRY...? ABOUT WHAT...?

THUMP

...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

I'M SO SORRY...!!

I COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING OUT ABOUT B1-KUN!

AND TELL YOU WHAT I FOUND WHEN YOU AND B1-KUN SWITCH PERSONALITIES, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK...

I KNOW I'M THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED I'D DIG AROUND...

NOD

WITH B1...?

!

BUT, HEY! I GOT TO CHAT WITH B1-KUN!

IT WAS...

SHOCKING.

I THOUGHT I MIGHT ACTUALLY KNOW B1-KUN, SOMEWHERE IN MY HEART...

BUT WHEN I FINALLY MET HIM, AND HE STOPPED IMPERSONATING YOU, HE WAS LIKE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON...

IT GIVES ME THE CHILLS JUST THINKING BACK TO IT...

THE WAY HE LOOKED WHEN I SAID THAT I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE CASE AND ABOUT HIS SPLIT PERSONALITY...

IT WAS LIKE A SWITCH GOT FLIPPED...

AND STANDING BEFORE ME, WAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT "EIJI URASHIMA" I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT....

BUT HE ACTED LIKE HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO SPEAK TO ME...

EVEN SO, I STILL THOUGHT WE MIGHT UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER IF WE TALKED...

"AND I WON'T GET IN YOURS."

"DON'T GET IN MY WAY...

THAT'S THE ONLY "MESSAGE" I GOT OUT OF B1-KUN.

THAT'S ALL...

HE WOULDN'T TELL ME A SINGLE THING ABOUT HIMSELF...

DID YOU... ASK B1 ABOUT HOW HE FELT?

LIKE, HOW HE FEELS ABOUT YOU...

"DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH ME ANYMORE."

HE ONLY TOLD ME...

THAT'S ALL I LEARNED ABOUT B1-KUN...

...IN THE END, WE COULDN'T DISCOVER ANYTHING NEW.

...THE EIJI URASHIMA THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH WAS DEFINITELY NOT HIM.

BUT, WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE IS...

...BUT WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, HE'LL MAN UP AND PROTECT ME...

THE PERSON I LOVE IS A MAN WHO'S SOME-TIMES PRETTY UNDEPEND-ABLE...

...AND ONLY HAS EYES FOR ME...

AND ABOVE ALL, HE'S KIND...

IT'S THIS "EIJI-KUN" WHO'S SITTING HERE, RIGHT NOW.

AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED.

HUH?

THAT MEANS ...

ERR...

...

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

TO TELL YOU THE ANSWER I FINALLY DECIDED ON...

HMPH

...DUMMY.

I WAS GIVING IT MY ALL, YOU KNOW?!

GNNNNGH... MY CUT HASN'T HEALED YET...

...

KYOKA-CHAN!! I...

KY...

KLOK!!!

HA HA HA HA HA!!

PFFT

YUP!

THAT'S THE EIJI-KUN I KNOW!

TO BE HONEST, I WAS PRETTY SUR-PRISED.

I NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D STILL CHOOSE ME AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

UMM...

I GUESS... WE'RE GONNA BE SEEING EACH OTHER QUITE A LOT AFTER THIS, HUH...?

...

YUP! I'M SURE!

YOU MENTIONED THIS BEFORE, BUT WHAT WERE THOSE WORDS THAT "MADE YOU THE HAPPIEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN IN YOUR LIFE"?

YEAH?

KYOKA-CHAN... CAN I ASK ONE LAST THING?

BUT, SINCE I FORGOT, I GUESS THEY WEREN'T ALL THAT IMPORTANT AFTER ALL.

I DON'T REMEM-BER THAT AT ALL!

DID I REALLY SAY THAT?

OW!

OUCH... KYOKA-CHAN, MY ARM!

PULL

HEY, LISTEN!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT WHY DON'T I STAY OVER AT YOUR PLACE TONIGHT?

OH, RIGHT... SORRY...

UGH... I'M REALLY SORRY...

WE CAN'T HOLD HANDS EITHER, WITH MY HAND LIKE THIS...

NO WORRIES! I SEE THESE INJURIES AS BADGES OF HONOR!

WE'LL JUST LINK ARMS FROM THIS SIDE! ♡

Chapter 24 END

Chapter 25

HAAH

HAAH

HAAH

E...

EIJI-
KU...

GEH HEH HEH

NOVEMBER 11/15 火/TUE

STAAAAARE

SH-SHIN-MYOJI!

"EIJI."

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE *YOU* HAD *FUN* YESTER-DAY...

B1 CAN IMPER-SONATE YOUR EVERY MOVE PERFECTLY TO LIVE YOUR LIFE...

BUT EVEN *HE* WON'T BE ABLE TO COPY THAT PATHETIC EXPRESSION.

I GUESS I DON'T EVEN NEED TO *SURPRISE YOU,* LIKE BEFORE.

YOU HAVE A HABIT OF *TOUCHING YOUR EARLOBE WHEN YOU GET SURPRISED.*

SWP キリ

NO, BUT... THIS WASN'T ...

HM?

WHAT WAS THAT? SUR-PRISE ME...?

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN USING TO TELL YOU AND B1 APART.

THIS IS *A TICK THAT EVEN B1 DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT.*

BOO!

BA-THUMP

OH, YEAH... THAT EXPLAINS WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS SCARING ME...

WAS THERE ANY PROGRESS IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS WHEN B1 HAD YOUR BODY?

FORGET ABOUT THAT, EIJI.

IF YOU KNEW THAT, THEN YOU COULD'VE SAID SOME-THING...

B1'S REACTION WAS TO "REJECT" THE BOTH OF YOU...

I SEE.

SO, WHAT'VE *YOU* BEEN DOING IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS?

THE CASE HAS SAFELY ENDED.

YET, YOU'VE STILL GOT A MOUNTAIN OF PROBLEMS TO TACKLE.

I DON'T HAVE SO MUCH FREE TIME TO BOTHER WITH YOU *ALL* THE TIME.

I TOTALLY THOUGHT YOU'D BE STALKING B1 LIKE USUAL TO DIG UP DIRT ON THE GUY...

...

HUH? ARE YOU... JEALOUS?

YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF AN EVEN *MORE* RELIABLE PARTNER THAN LITTLE OLD ME, RIGHT?

BE-SIDES ...

DO YOU PLAN ON LIVING YOUR SPLIT LIFE WITH B1 FOREVER?

EIJI.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE REASON WHY B1 WAS BORN... AND WHEN AND WHERE HE WAS BORN...

THIS MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU, BUT...

...!!

...THEN THERE MIGHT COME A TIME WHEN YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE YOUR PAST.

I NEED TO FACE MY PAST...

HUH...

Dissociative Identity Disor

Prefecture's Treatment Clinic

N Mental Clinic

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THE CLOSEST ONE IS...

THERE AREN'T A LOT OF HOSPITALS THAT WORK ON DIS-SOCIATIVE IDENTITY DISORDER...

HMM...

Dissociative Identity Disorder

Conditions

- Depression
- Panic Disorder
- Social Anxiety Disorder
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Eating Disorder
- Dysautonomia
- Dissociative Identity Disorder

WHAAAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?

GREEN TEA

500ml

PWPK

"P

WHAT, WERE YOU WATCHING SOMETHING *NAUGHTY?*

NO, THIS IS...

WHAT A REACTION! YOU ALMOST JUMPED OUT OF YOUR SKIN!

ERR...

WHOA!

UHH ...

KYOKA-CHAN?!

K-KYOKA-CHAN! WAIT, I'M REALLY SORRY...

UGH, I GUESS I SHOULD JUST HEAD ON HOME BY MYSELF TODAY!

BUT MAYBE DON'T WATCH IT AT SCHOOL.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.

S-SORRY!

FWISH

BUT... IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO VISIT THE HOSPITAL...

I MANAGED TO FAKE MY WAY OUT OF THAT...

...

...BUT MAYBE I SHOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH KYOKA-CHAN...?

LOOK!

RED LEAVES!

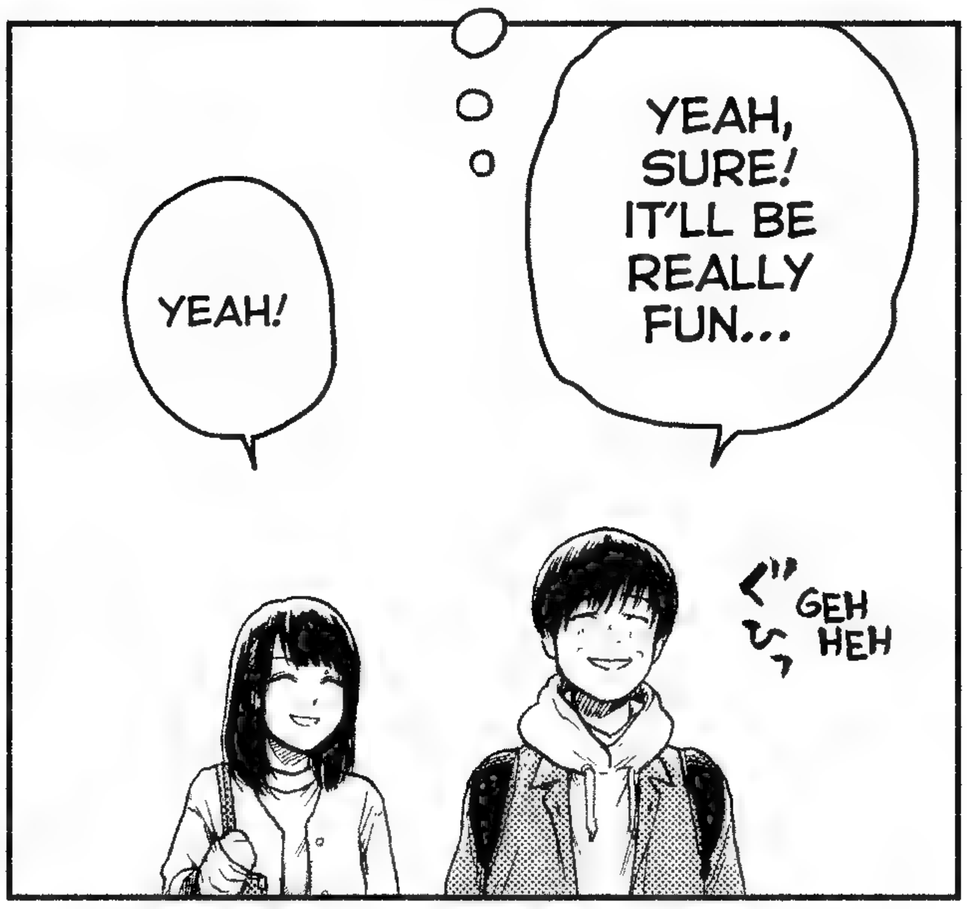
WHY DON'T WE RENT A CAR AND DRIVE OUT TO STAY AT THE HOT SPRINGS FOR A NIGHT?

EIJI-KUN!

I WANNA GO ON A DATE NEXT TIME FOR AUTUMN-LEAF VIEWING!

WE'RE KNEE-DEEP IN AUTUMN ALREADY, HUH?

We'll have a yummy dinner and the night sights are gonna be gorgeous!


YEAH!
YEAH, SURE! IT'LL BE REALLY FUN...
GEH HEH

YEAH...
OKAY! I'LL GET A JOB AND SAVE UP MONEY!
GO AND GET YOUR LICENSE.
OH, BUT... I CAN'T DRIVE...
I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY DECIDED TO GO, ANYWAY...

NOVEMBER 11/16 水/WED

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Reception Desk	8:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM 3:30 PM ~ 6:30 PM (Saturdays 2:00 PM ~ 4:30 PM)
Walk-In	2:00 PM ~ 3:30 PM
Closed	Sundays and Holidays

I'VE DECIDED TO SEE A DOCTOR HERE...

IT'S NOT LIKE...

I HAVEN'T DECIDED IF I REALLY WANT TO BE SEEN YET...

...AND I DON'T HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT...

HI, IT'S MY FIRST TIME HERE...

ARE YOU HERE FOR YOUR *EXAMINATION* TODAY?

OH...

YOU'RE EIJI URASHIMA-SAN, AREN'T YOU?

HUH?

Y-YOU... KNOW ME?

DO YOU HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION TICKET? IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN JUST FILL THIS OUT FIRST.

YOU CAME BY JUST THE OTHER DAY.

OF COURSE ...

WH- WHAT'S GOING ON...?

WHA...

B1 CAME TO THIS HOSPITAL BEFORE ME?!

B1 ...?!

WAS IT...

WHY WOULD HE COME HERE...?

BUT...

SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH

WE MEET AGAIN, HUH?

HEY, THERE.

A CIGA-RETTE?

THIS GUY ALSO MET BI, TOO...

THINK I CAN BUM ANOTHER CIGARETTE OFF OF YA?

WHISPER WHISPER ヒソヒソ

SO, LIKE... SORRY, BUT...

BUMMER.

I DIDN'T BRING ANY WITH ME TODAY.

SORRY ...

...

I'LL JUST HAVE TO USE ONE OF MINE.

WHAT-EVER.

FWSH

AAAAH
...

I FEEL
ALIVE...

Smoking is Prohibited

ALL SMOKING is
prohibited in our clinic.

BY THE
WAY...

THAT GIRL'S NOT HERE WITH YOU AGAIN TODAY?

WHAT... GIRL?

!

B1 DIDN'T COME HERE ALONE...?!

WHAT...?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

LES- SEE...

WHAT WAS HER NAME AGAIN...?

OH, NOW I REMEM-BER...

KYOKA-CHAN'S HER NAME...

Chapter 25 END

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EXTRA

THE Secret WEEK OF THE MANGA AUTHOR

by Inoryu

LATELY, I THINK THE WORD "AUTHOR" HAS COME UP QUITE A BIT. SO, FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT THE AUTHOR ACTUALLY DOES, I THOUGHT I'D INTRODUCE MY WORK SCHEDULE FOR EVERYONE.

A MANGA AUTHOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THINKING UP THE STORY FOR THE MANGA.

I'm also a writer too, so it became a habit of mine to think of everything from the worst case scenario, when things fall through.

I NEED TO START THINKING UP "EXCUSES" FOR THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT IN THE CASE THAT THE NAME (THE STORY-BOARD-LIKE THING FOR THE MANGA) ISN'T MADE IN TIME.

MONDAY 月

ON MONDAY, I START MY WEEK WITH MAKING EXCUSES.

HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO PANIC. I JUST NEED TO THINK OF A PROPER EXCUSE, AND I'LL BE GOLDEN.

I already said I had the flu last time... And I'm outta family to kill off...

AUTHOR 原

TUESDAY 火

AND IF I DON'T FEEL WELL THAT DAY, I PUSH THE EXCUSE-MAKING TO THE NEXT DAY.

"!! DAAAZED

THIS EXCUSE IS PERFECT. I CAN HINT THAT I'VE BEEN DOING MY JOB PROPERLY AND THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT WILL THINK THAT I'M A DETAILED AUTHOR, NOT WILLING TO COMPROMISE FOR QUALITY!

Ohz! "I already drew out the storyboard, but I got an even better idea and I want to rewrite it!" That should work, yeahz!

AUTHOR 原

WEDNESDAY 水

THIS IS THE WORST POSSIBLE CASE... WHERE I STILL HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF AN EXCUSE, AND IT'S ALREADY WEDNESDAY...

BUT THIS IS WHEN A MOMENT OF GENIUS FINALLY DAWNS ON ME!

And of course, being a proper working adult, I will take my required two days of rest for the weekend!

HOWEVER, THIS IS WHERE HELL BEGINS...

I HAVE ALREADY USED THREE DAYS TO COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE, SO I ONLY HAVE TWO DAYS LEFT...

EVERY-THING...

NO, IT'S ALL THE EDITORS' FAULT!!

IS ALL FAAAAUUULT!!

KRACK

SHIIIIT!

THURSDAY 木

HUFF

HUFF

FRIDAY 金

Damn it aaaall! I don't have enough time! Whose fault is thisz! Minez! Is it my own fault I'm in this messz!

AFTER A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, I SOMEHOW MANAGE TO FINISH THE STORYBOARD.

Huhz Redo itz I can hand it in next weekz okay... No, I mean, I'm fine...

AUTHOR

I'VE EXAGGERATED SOME PARTS OF THIS, BUT...

HOWEVER, I FIND MYSELF DESCENDING BACK INTO THE ENDLESS HELL...

END 終

Oh! They have Game of Thrones season 7 now! I gotta watch this!

MONDAY 月

I PAD

SATURDAY 土

Next time, I promise I'll get the storyboard done on monday!!

AND, AS I ENJOY MY WONDERFUL WEEKEND OFF, I SWEAR...

SUNDAY 日

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